

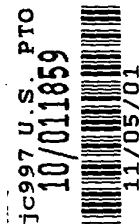
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LETTER

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Sir:

The computer readable form in this application is identical with that filed in Application Serial No. 09/253,316, filed February 19, 1999. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e), please use the only computer readable form filed in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in the application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the instant application. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is included in the specification of the instant application.

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